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Application No.: 10/812,345

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 Petition for Extension of Period for Response.
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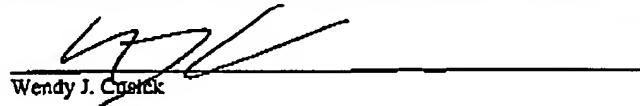
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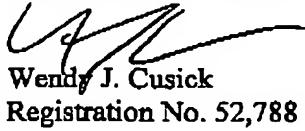
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Attached please find the following for filing in the above-identified application.

- (1) Amendment in response to Office Action dated January 13, 2005;
- (2) Petition for Extension of Period for Response for Three months;
- (3) Terminal Disclaimer; and
- (4) Amendment Transmittal.

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